GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:200
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2003
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION MADE BY JUSTICE VERMA COMMITTEE
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Justice Verma Committee recommended to make human rights and duties a compulsory subject in schools and at the higher education level;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report and taken steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have circulated the report to the Ministries of Union Government and State Governments for follow up action; and

(e) if so, the efforts made by State Governments and Union Government ministries to implement the recommendations of the Justice Verma Committee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 200 FOR 04.03.2003 ASKED BY SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION MADE BY JUSTICE V COMMITTEE.

(a) to (e): The Justice Verma Committee has recommended that there is need for a fundamental transformation in the direction and approach to curricula for teaching Fundamental Duties in schools and teacher education institutions. The Committee has also made recommendations for incorporating Fundamental Duties in the courses/programmes for higher & professional education. The Government has examined the Report and initiatives already taken in this regard are as follows:-

- Preamble and Article 51A of the Constitution is being printed in NCERT publications.

- The New Curricular Framework brought out by the NCERT highlights the need for teaching Human Rights and Duties to students at all levels.

- UGC has decided that Human Rights Education Scheme of University Grants Commission be renamed as `Human Rights and Duties Education.`

- Curriculum Development Committee has been constituted by UGC to prepare model curriculum in various courses in Human Rights and Duties Education.

- UGC has identified 29 Universities and 3 colleges for inclusion of Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma/ Certificate Courses on Human Rights and Duties Education.

- Modules of Fundamental Rights and National Values have been made available to Teacher Education Institutions.

- The Report has been circulated to all Ministries of the Central Government and all State Governments for follow-up action. Most of the Ministries have accepted the recommendations and have started implementation also.